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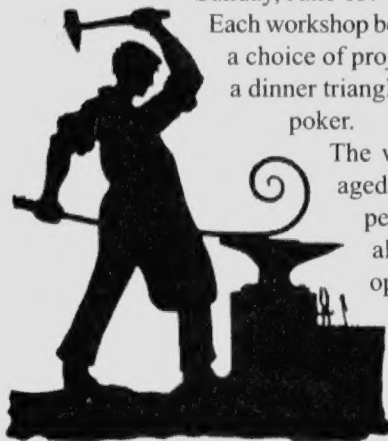
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Each workshop begins with a demonstration and a choice of projects including the creation of a dinner triangle, a coat hanger or a fireplace poker.

The workshops are open to those aged 12 and up and cost \$65 per person which includes lunch and all materials. Green said it's an opportunity to "spend the day in an unusual place".

For more information or to sign up for one of the four-hour workshops for Dad and a helper, contact Tracey or Daryl at 705-448-9785. ■

Wanna Fly A Plane?? Young Eagles Take Flight

Hey Kids.... It's back once again, and if you haven't done it before, you really should give it a try.

It's the annual Haliburton/Stanhope Young Eagles Flight weekend and it's happening from Saturday, June 7 – Sunday, June 8. So what is this event you might ask? Well, it'll give you the chance to fly in an airplane.

First you will be taught how to fly, what the parts of the plane are and you will be given the chance to ask a real pilot any unanswered questions you may have.

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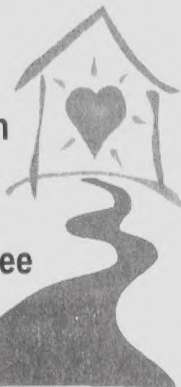
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Spotlight

On Business

By Laura Salverda

Wendy Snelgrove Dovetails Designs for Haliburton Lives

The word 'dovetail' stirs up images of detail, quality, precision, classic, clean lines and a perfect fit. All of those descriptors help to define the business and showroom of Wendy Snelgrove's Haliburton-based business "Dovetail Interiors - Design for Haliburton Living".

The well-appointed storefront located at 126 Highland St. is the new home base for Snelgrove's ongoing design projects. The store surrounds the designer with beauty in the form of samples of textiles, carpets, lighting and every other imaginable interior design element.

But on closer examination, those 'dovetail' descriptors also fit Snelgrove herself, the professional interior design consultant behind the business, who has brought her New York and Toronto inspired ideas to the Haliburton region, and who prides herself on quality, attention to detail and classic beauty in her work.

In fact, Snelgrove is as multi-faceted as the multiple services her business offers, and as it is with any artistic entrepreneur, her life story is almost as interesting as the fascinating work she does. When sitting down with Snelgrove last week, the interview often veered off course, travelling through small windows into Snelgrove's life, and the business story almost became obscured by the stories that illustrate her profound strength of character, the tragedy that struck her life five years ago, and how she came to be in this creative role in the first place.

Designers are born

"Interior designers are born," she said, agreeing to the suggestion, after she described how as an eight-year-old, she would rearrange the living room furniture in her family home - including stealing her mother's carefully arranged, and much-loved doilies, and hiding them under a couch cushion.

"My mother was very good about it. I'm so thankful for her openness to my creativity. She worked full-time, and she would come in at the end of the day, and look at the living room and say, 'Oh, I like it this way too.'"



Part of that room-design-in-a-day creativity must have stayed with Snelgrove. She insists she had that element incorporated into her business long before the one-day makeover became a televised fad.

"I only wish I'd patented the idea," Snelgrove said, with a grin. "I really was doing that for people long before that ever became popular. I'd send them away for the day and go in and recreate their space."

Snelgrove remembers one specific occasion when she was invited to a consultation with an older Irish woman.

"She had moved from Ireland 50 years ago, and she had all of these antiques just jammed in this 70s-style home, and I mean jammed."

When Snelgrove suggested a one-day makeover instead of a complete redesign, the woman resisted, insisting she hated her house, and nothing could be done with it. But

Snelgrove shows her own determination when she has an idea of the possibilities, and she asked the woman to give her a chance.

"I went in there at 7 a.m. We didn't finish until 8 p.m., and I had two helpers with me that day. But when the woman came back in, she was literally crying in every room."

Snelgrove said while she is known as a designer who listens and responds effectively to her clients

needs, she is also known as one who openly offers her own opinions - another leftover from her childhood? That same precocious eight-year-old had even created furniture rules for her mom.

"She could only have one thing on an angle in one room," Snelgrove said, with a big grin, describing how her mother liked to "angle her furniture into corners".

But she does truly believe that there is only so much in designing that can be taught.

"There's a gut instinct that can't be learned," Snelgrove explained. "You can learn the rules, the designing and the drawing, but the rules are made to be broken, and they have to be broken gracefully."

Snelgrove said her role as a designer is to get to know her client on a personal level - "design is personal" - and her job is to make their space their own.

"My job is not to spread my taste all over Haliburton County," Snelgrove said. "However, I do have one friend who says she can tell when there's been a

'Wendification', she added, with a chuckle.

For Snelgrove, those 'Eureka' moments are often the rewards.

"Our home is our nest, and if you're not happy in your nest, you're not going to be happy with your life."

As mom to four teenage girls who are approaching university age and who all truly do want to "save the world", Snelgrove has sometimes questioned the deeper meaning of her own work.

"Five years ago, my son died," Snelgrove

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said, calmly. "Oh, it's okay, everyone knows about it. But after his death, I found I needed to find the meaning in what I do."

A self-described woman of faith, Snelgrove said upon examination of her work as a designer and of her "God-given talent" she truly can improve people's homes, and in turn, have a positive impact on their lives.

"As insignificant or materialistic as it might seem to others, all of those people will need a landing spot to come home to after they save the world. And they need that space to recover so they can go back out there and do it all over again."

Kitchen is where the heart is

But makeovers and staging are just one tiny element of the services Snelgrove offers.

Her interior design business offers total design services for kitchens, baths or overall space – right down to the carefully measured and drawn plans. Snelgrove admits kitchens her favourite room to design. Snelgrove had always wanted to find a local kitchen manufacturer who could handle her volume – about one and a half kitchens per month – and who could also incorporate her designs. She was in the middle of a huge project three years ago, when she needed to find a kitchen company to take over the work – halfway through.

"That is so incredibly difficult, because they have to match everything, the cabinetry, the wood, the colour."

But she was able to accomplish all of those goals with a new partnership, as the satellite showroom for Hickory Lane Kitchens based in Peterborough.

"I am over-the-moon happy to be associated with them," Snelgrove said. "I design it, and I can be as creative as I want, down to an eighth of an inch, and I send the plans down, and they create it. That relationship is awesome."

Snelgrove describes her idea of the perfect kitchen.

"Kitchens have to be a functional space," Snelgrove said. "Whether we're just feeding ourselves or having coffee with friends or cooking for a large dinner party, we all need a well-organized kitchen. I know exactly where you're going to put your cereal box."

"Even in my own kitchen, I like to be able to turn around and know exactly where the salt shaker is."

Creativity showed up at early age

While Snelgrove has an inborn knack of knowing how to organize space effectively, Dovetail Interiors also offers up colour consultations, window coverings and accessorizing. So where did that insightful understanding of the importance in the details and overall visual impact in her projects come from?

Possibly from her grandfather who was involved in Stratford Festival Theatre in its earlier days.

"It also may have been from my grandmother, my mom's mom," Snelgrove suggested, describing her as a flamboyant dresser who drove a little red sports car.

"It was most unusual in those days. She would walk into the house and if there was a naked doll lying around, she would immediately find an old shirt or something, and haul out the sewing machine. I'd sit on her lap, I was probably about five or six then, and together, we'd make the doll a new outfit."

By the time she was 10, Snelgrove was designing and making up most of her own clothes.

How did this talented Toronto designer end up in Haliburton?

Snelgrove said she was living and working in Toronto for a project management company, choosing paint colours for new homes, when she met her husband – Robert Snelgrove – then a Toronto-based, custom home builder. They had children, and she stayed home with the children, and she used her creativity to assist on some of his projects, but that world changed nine years ago.

"It was in 1999. My husband came home from work one day and announced he was going to retire and we were going to move out of Toronto."

Robert had been doing some building in the Muskoka region, but property values were more inviting further east, so the family soon found a place to settle in Haliburton County. Their son Joshua was about 18 months old when they moved, Snelgrove said, and it was a tragic plane crash that cost him his life, and almost Robert's as well.

"He was five," Snelgrove said, describing the weeks that led up to their son's death, and remembering clearly his last words as he ran out the door, excited to be going flying with his dad.

"He said, 'Mom, you're the best'," Snelgrove said, with a wry grin. "What mom doesn't want to hear that? But 20 minutes later, he was gone."

How did she go on?
Her husband almost died in that crash as well – Snelgrove said almost every bone in Robert's body was broken. And they will never know exactly what happened, other than a blocked fuel line caused the crash – they will never know what caused the blockage. But Snelgrove credits some of her courage in the face of the tragedy to her strong Christian faith. As a long-time member of a Salvation Army congregation, Snelgrove has found comfort in her knowledge that Joshua is with God. Snelgrove has also found strength through public speaking about

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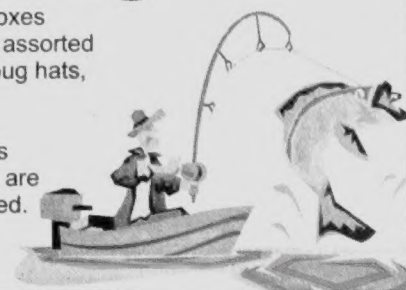
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The primary purpose of the contest is to raise funds to provide medical treatment for injured and sick local homeless pets. Since its creation in April 2007, MEAC has treated and found loving homes for numerous abandoned and injured cats and dogs.

Happy Endings are the best part of belonging to, and supporting MEAC. The community can enter their pet photos for a spot in the 2008/2009 calendar. Along with earning a place in the calendar, the grand prize photo will be published in The County Voice newspaper... yet one more reason for



getting your entries in.

Entry forms can be found around town and at the Minden Animal Clinic. Last year there was a lot of enthusiasm and 161 wonderful pet photos were entered by local and seasonal residents.

Of the 2007 entries, 48 winning pet photos were printed in the 2008 calendar. This year Joanne Irvine and the County Voice/Communicator crew have agreed to do the judging. With your support, we can continue to help local animals which otherwise would suffer alone.

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her loss through the Salvation Army, and she is so thankful she had Joshua in her life, even if that time was too short.

"I often get people coming up to me after I speak, and one woman came up to me, and her child had died 20 years ago, and she said, that after listening to my story, she could finally find the strength to face what had happened, and move on with her life."

Snelgrove said, of course, the tragedy has changed the family forever.

"The girls are much closer because of it. But not to talk about it, how can we do that? We celebrate his life and the time we had with him."

She said there were 600 people at his funeral, many of whom she didn't even realize knew him.

"I was saying, 'What are you doing here?' and they'd say, 'Oh, we knew Joshua'", Snelgrove said, shaking her head. "He was so young, but he had this huge impact."

Last Thursday marked the fifth anniversary of Joshua's death, and Snelgrove said, each year, the family takes the day off, heads into Toronto and does whatever they want to do – visit places of interest, go out for a meal, in celebration of his life.

"It's brought us closer together," Snelgrove said. "And I hope it stays that way."

Moving the business out of the house

While her family is all important to Snelgrove, she admits that home life with four teenagers in residence didn't always gel with running a business.

"So I moved out," she laughs.

She moved her business into town nine months ago, and the desire to create a 'retail' storefront brought Snelgrove to her current space at 126 Highland St. in Haliburton.

While she said it's difficult for her as a "creative type" to learn to run a successful business, she's learned a lot in the last few years. She credits her husband Robert for the sharing of his business acumen in that area. Robert works with her as a project manager sometimes, since Snelgrove says designers are not contractors.

"A contractor hires all the trades," she explained. "A designer is the one who pulls all of the ideas and progression of the trades together."

While the designer works with the contractor, Snelgrove said the designer's role is to work with the client and help them choose the surfaces they're putting into the structure the contractor and the trades are constructing.

"It's a thin line," she said, because being married to a custom builder, she understands the build process, but it's not her role to 'contract' it.

"But that's where I can pull Rob in," she said. "He's my ace in the hole."

As far as the store is concerned, she describes it as more of a showroom, since most of her work is custom ordered, but she says, "It's not about the store, it's about the people it allows me to meet."

Snelgrove remembers her very first project in Haliburton, which began with an invitation to coffee. One day, when she was dropping the kids off at school, a woman introduced herself and then invited her over for a coffee. The woman, as it turned out, was Julie vanLieshout – wife of the owner of Royal LePage – Anthony vanLieshout – and over coffee, Snelgrove found herself being offered the project of helping them fix up their own home.

Later, Anthony called on her again, to help create the retail space in The Village Barn. It was at that opening when she came across, what up to this time, stands out as her favourite project.

"I was handing out coffee and donuts at the Barn opening, and this older woman walked in and said, 'Who did this?' and someone said, 'She's right over there'. It turned out she was looking for someone to fix up her cottage and I met her there the next day."

The project took a year to complete, and Snelgrove said five years on, the woman still calls her sometimes as she's driving back into the city on a Monday morning.

"I'll have this phone message saying, 'Wendy, the cottage is perfect. It's perfect, and it's still a cottage.' I really enjoyed working with her, and that project is still a favourite."

The one-year timeline is not unusual, and Snelgrove said a major renovation project can take even longer – up to two years.

"The time the project takes depends on the scale of the project. People think they can do a major overhaul in a couple of months, but it's not possible."

Is that with a limited budget or a 'spend what ever it takes' budget? While Snelgrove said an understanding of her clients' needs is essential so she can help them prioritize within their budget, having an unlimited budget is sometimes more difficult than a tight one.

"If someone hands you \$40,000 and that's your budget then you can help them meet their needs within that, but if it's unlimited, and they're trying to reach some unattainable standard, then it's almost impossible, because tomorrow there is always going to be something bigger or better that they want."

Despite the challenges however, Snelgrove said that in 20 years she has not come across any problem that she can't find a solution for, and she loves her role as a designer.

"I love what I do," she said. "You know that whole 'Oprah' thing where you find what you love, well for me, this is what I love."

Snelgrove also has a strong commitment to supporting the local economy, and environmentally friendly products.

"In a successful business, there is a feeling of supporting each other, and being community minded, I think it's important to be respectful of other small businesses, especially those in close proximity."

To demonstrate that factor, Snelgrove gets help from a local seamstress and local contractors, and tries to buy locally or Canadian whenever she can. Hickory Lane uses an area stained glass artist for custom door projects and Snelgrove said now that she's in Toronto a couple of times a week hunting down manufacturers or shopping for products she can ask the right questions about where products are made or what kind of working conditions they're made under.

"To me, it's not about getting the deal," Snelgrove said. "That's a way I can incorporate my own value system into what I do," she adds, comparing supporting the local stained glass artist as the same as supporting the Dorcas organization, a line of bead necklaces she features in her store – necklaces made by women in African villages from bits of paper they scrounge from dumps.

One of the products Snelgrove is also proud to support is Hunter-Douglas Blinds. She said one of the big issues in Haliburton is controlling sunlight.

"With cottages, it's all about the view, but with large windows, come issues within light control," Snelgrove said.

She said their window screens which pull down and create a 'sunglasses' effect in hot, sunny rooms, is the new 'must-have' for many area residents, since they work to insulate and keep the heat out. This care about the products she recommends, has helped to develop Snelgrove's deserved reputation for thoroughness in the details, and getting it right.

"When people say to me, 'Wendy, we want you for our project because you have such a good name', maybe it's because I care," Snelgrove said, thoughtfully, and then smiled. "Maybe I care too much."

Is her own home 'done'?

Snelgrove said her home works to keep her home practical and comfortable since at any one time, there may be 10 kids sitting in her living room eating chips and drinking pop.

"It's very simple, but it serves the purpose," Snelgrove said. "I want teenagers to be able to come over, and not have to worry about it, but you don't get the 'wow' factor when you walk into my home."

Whether it be a project as a new shower curtain or a major housing overhaul, to add that Snelgrove 'wow' factor to your home, contact Wendy Snelgrove at Dovetail Interiors – Design for Haliburton Living at 705-457-2700 or by email at haliburtonliving@bellnet.ca.

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by Lynne Kilby

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May 31 - The 1st Annual **Yard Sale for the Cure** hosted by **Re/Max County Town Realty**, 4980 Monck Road (Hwy. 45 West). Re/Max invites you to get involved in this most worthy cause to support breast cancer research by volunteering, shopping or being a vendor. Space is available for a minimum donation of 20 per cent of profits earned. Contact Dianne Spring at 705-488-3000.

June 12 - Kinmount Seniors Group sponsors a bi-monthly trip to **Casino Rama** on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The bus leaves the legion parking lot at 9 a.m. Enjoy a free lunch while you are there. Return time is 4 p.m. Bus cost is \$5. All welcome. To reserve your spot call Theresa at 705-488-1110.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



June 21 - The **Friends of the Library Book Sale** takes place 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the lower level of Kinmount Public Library. Something new is a **Book Drop Bin** located outside the door. Good used books (no magazines, Readers Digests, encyclopedias or text books please) may be dropped off at any time.

June 28 - Annual **Yard & Bake Sale & BBQ** at Kinmount Legion.

June 26 - 29 - Don't miss out! Visit the **Kinmount Kountry Jamboree** at Kinmount Fairgrounds. Campsites available for trailers. Call 705-488-2540. Gates open Thursday 26, at 8 a.m.

Fireworks at dusk, **June 29**, to celebrate **Canada Day**.

Tickets are now on sale for a fundraiser dance, featuring **The Rocket 88's**, a swingin', rockin', blues & dance band, August 2 at Kinmount Fairgrounds. BBQ begins at 5 p.m. The event, licensed under LLBO, is a fundraiser for the "**Bring Back the Ice**" initiative, sponsored by Kinmount Lions Club and Kinmount Minor Sports. For advance tickets, call 705-488-2211. Dance tickets cost \$20. An all ages event. Check out the Rocket 88's website at: www.rocket88s.ca.

Another must see is Kinmount **Model Railroad Display** at Kinmount Railway Station. Open weekends.

Bingo lovers - Try your luck Friday evenings at 6:45 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion. As well, Fun Bingo will begin in July.

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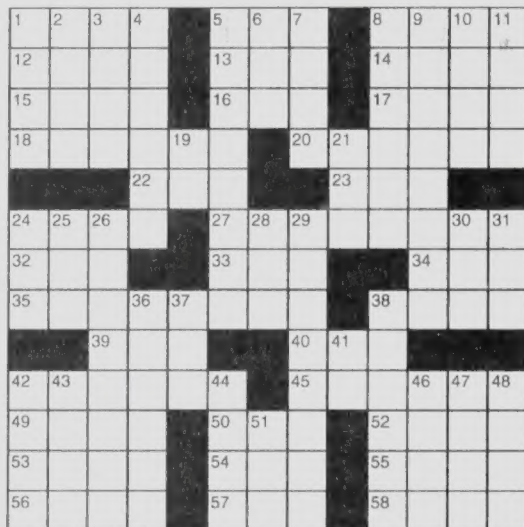


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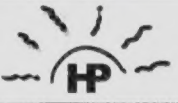
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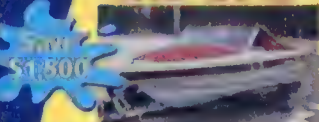
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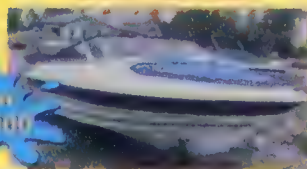
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Puppets will take to the stage at the Point in Time Annual General Meeting on Friday, June 7

Point in Time Executive Director Marg Cox said the event will launch a brand new show from the Point in Time Puppet Players, a new script written by Point in Time staff therapist, and local artist and playwright, Kathryn Boyd, and a new line of puppets created by Sennit Dolls and Puppets based in Carnarvon.

Shelley King is coordinator of the Puppet Players, and called the venture a "great collaboration." She said the show, which has a working title, "The Trouble with Rainbow", is based on the subject of bullying, and Rainbow is one of the characters in the play.

The puppet troupe has six active volunteer members in Haliburton, and four in the City of Kawartha Lakes. While the group will continue to perform their popular "Kids on the Block" series, it's always been an expensive proposition for the organization since all of the plays were copyright and changes required the purchase of \$1,000 puppets.

"This local initiative allows us to gear our subject matter to students and issues in the area," King said.

King said her puppet troupe that consists of local volunteers aged 19 to 60 years, is the "realization of a dream."



"To be able to combine the education aspects with the entertainment aspects with the creativity aspects is just so fun," King said. "This is such a great way for kids to learn. Kids really respond to the puppets and it opens up so many lines of communication."

Cox agreed.

"This program has been so successful. It's also pretty neat that we're doing it, and that something created and organized in Haliburton County is going into Kawartha Lakes," Cox said.

The Point in Time AGM will also feature refreshments starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, with the actual meeting beginning at 7 p.m. in the "Great Hall" at Sir Sandford Fleming College. The meeting will include a regular business agenda, and those interested in attending are asked to RSVP to Point in Time by telephone to 705-457-5345 or by email to info@pointintime.ca by Friday, June 7.

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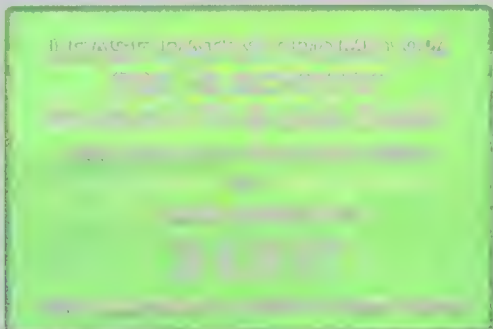
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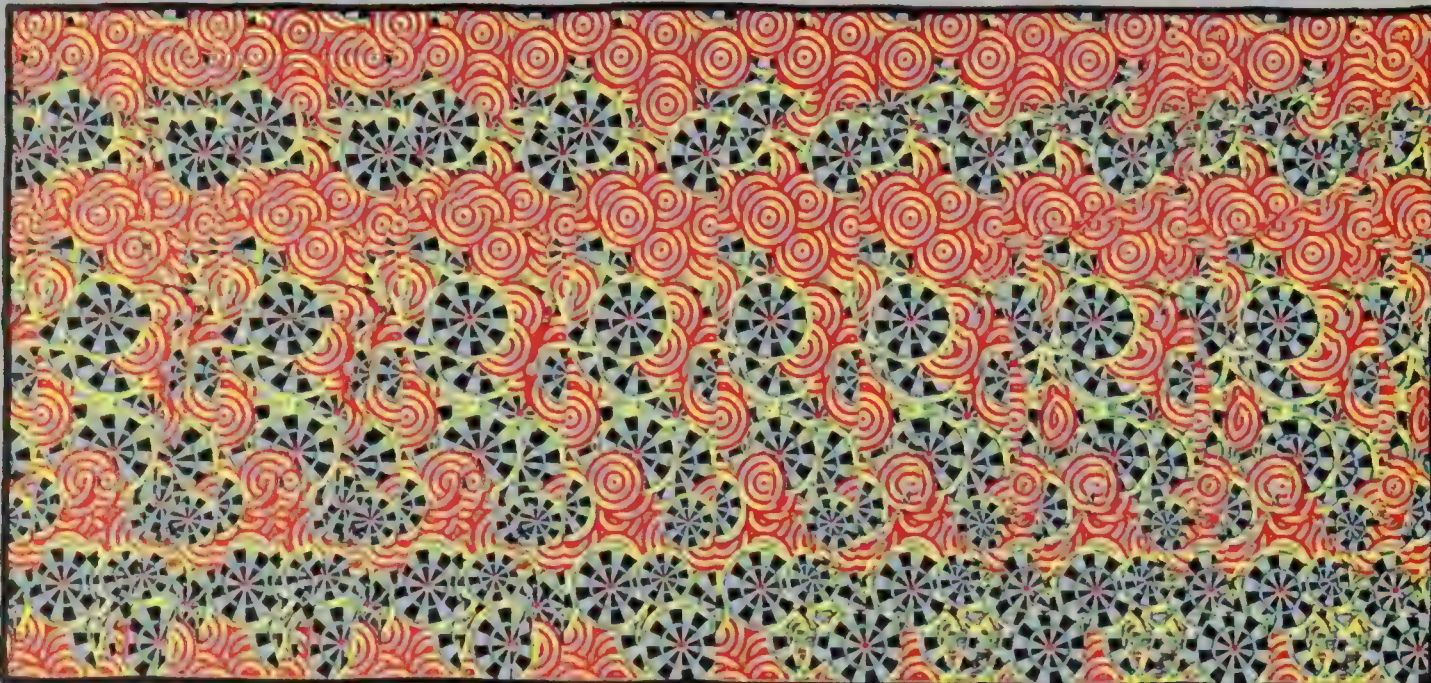
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Drum Making Workshops

On June 7 and 8, local drummer John Proctor will be hosting drum making workshops at Earthtone Studios in Haliburton village. On the 7th, John will teach participants how to make their very own PCV pipe drum, coffee can drum, and soup can shaker. On the 8th, John will act as an instructor as participants construct their own didgeridoos. As a master drum maker, John has been constructing drums out of various materials from more than a decade. He plans to teach various drum making workshops at his studio every weekend throughout July and August. If you would like to learn more the drum workshops, John and Earthtone Studios will have a booth at the upcoming Haliburton Home and Cottage Show.

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Would you like to know how the railway came to be in Haliburton County? Then grab a couple of friends and head to the Wednesday, June 11 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group – you don't have to be a member to attend and it's free.

The meeting will be held at the Minden Hills Community Centre Common Room (enter by the rear door, please) and will feature special guest speaker, local author, educator and historian, Guy Scott. Guy's topic will be "The Iron Horse & the Canadian Shield" - the coming of the railway to Haliburton County.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for Group business and chat. Remember, everyone is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker 705-286-2225.

Bring Out Those Plants and Pots

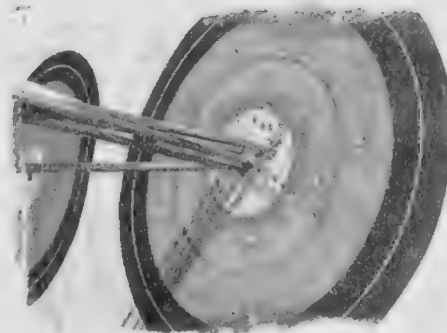
Miniatures and Pot Et Fleur Workshop to Be Led By Expert

Looking to sharpen up on those flower potting skills?

Then get your materials together and bring out those "green thumbs" for the Miniatures and Pot Et Fleur Workshop being held at the Lions Club Hall in Minden on Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Minden and District Horticultural Society, this workshop will include a morning spent working on miniatures. The afternoon will be dedicated to pot et fleur (which means "pot of flower") where you will learn how to arrange growing plants and cut flowers in containers. The workshop will be led by Shirley Binns, a certified judge and award-winning flower arranger.

Tea, coffee and other desserts will be provided. For more information contact Barb Millington at 705-286-1320 or Susan Sheehan at 705-286-3475.



Archery Club Shoots Into New Season

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association Archery Club announces that their Archery Range will be open as of Sunday, June 1. The Range will be open Sundays from 10 a.m. until noon, and on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. There will be some 'loaner bows' for those who wish to come out and try the sport for themselves.

The one requirement is that participants become members of the Association: membership forms will be available each Sunday and Tuesday: a year's membership is just \$30 for individuals, and a family membership \$35, and it's a \$5 fee each time you shoot. You can also buy a one-day membership for \$10, plus the \$5 fee per shoot.

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by Linda Thistle

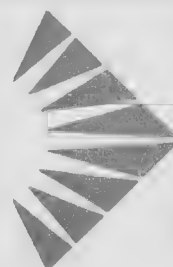
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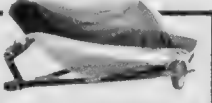
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Kash Landing Café

A Gem By the Lake

By George Farrell

Up until quite recently, there were many family-run businesses around the Snowdon area of the County which catered to locals and tourists alike. Little general stores selling everything from batteries to groceries could be found, as well as the occasional restaurant. Many of these businesses at one time also sold gasoline. There was the Gelert Gardens in Gelert, The Crossroads Store in Ingoldsby, and the General Store in Lochlin. Sadly, for one reason or another, all those business have ceased to exist.

The only one that has survived is the Kash Landing Café, located at the southern-most tip of Lake Kashagawigamog, in Ingoldsby.

Built in the 1940s, what is now the Café, used to be a store, and it continued as such up until 1995, when previous owner Brian Watt sold the premises to present owners Guido and Linda Catenazzi.

On December 26, 1997 after renovating, the building was re-opened as the Kash Landing Café. But how the Catenazzi's came to own the building is an interesting story. Guido and Linda, who were established in Mississauga, relocated to Fenelon Falls. They decided to live there and slowly look around for a property in which to set up a business. They weren't particularly optimistic in finding anything quickly. However, "we drove by Ingoldsby one Sunday in September, and we thought it was such a beautiful spot," said Linda. They saw the sale sign, but they didn't want to run a store. "It doesn't have to be a store," they mutually decided. Guido, originally from Switzerland is a chef by trade, and they decided to put Ingoldsby on the culinary map. Eventually "people came from Gooderham, West Guilford, Fenelon Falls, and all kind of places," Guido states. In the beginning however,

like so many small businesses do, the Catenazzi's depended on the locals. "We were so well received by the community," Guido recalls.

Word of mouth, saw a steady flow of warm-weather clients make the trip to the Café, either by boat, by the beautiful drive along South Kashagawigamog Lake Rd from the direction of Haliburton, or from nearby Hwy. 21. Originally the old store was known as a destination not only for groceries, but also for gasoline. Many of the former clients came back for the gas, only to discover

new reasons to return. After a year, the gas pumps were gone, but the new restaurant offered locals, tourists and day trippers a warm cozy atmosphere for some Swiss / Canadian home-made cooking. Another feature was the Kawartha Dairy ice cream, which was served through a side window of the Café. The ice cream was such a success that in 2004 a small independent building, adjacent to the Café was opened exclusively for serving cones. It's almost like a mini-business unto itself, and in the summer the Catenazzi's employ four to six students in shifts to scoop and serve the delectable treats.

Originally the Kash Landing Café served "home cooked comfort food with a European touch," said Guido. "People wanted things like roast pork, roast beef, stews

and pastas," he said. "Souvlaki has always been popular too," adds Linda. The specials have traditionally been what's kept the customers, especially the locals, coming back time after time. "Some customers don't even ask what it is," laughs Guido. "They eat whatever the special happens to be." Specials have ranged from New York strip, roasts, and schnitzel, to various chicken dishes. The beauty of the specials has been that the food was differently prepared than similar fare found elsewhere, and customers always knew that they were getting quality.

A good business has to change with the times, and recent years have seen a

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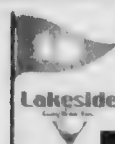
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The Reno'

What used to be basically the old storefront has been converted into a wall filled with windows through which diners can overlook one of the most beautiful views in the county, northward up the lake. Now the Café is one of the few privately-owned small restaurants, within close proximity of both Minden and Haliburton, which offers lake-side views. The view itself is worth the journey.

While the old Café was warm and comfy it was starting to 'fry a little at the edges'. Now, in addition to the freshly painted neutral-coloured walls, and ambient lighting, there are also elegant new chairs and tables. Still warm and inviting, the added upscaling views and the light emitted from the windows can only enhance the dining experience.

The kitchen, Guido's domain has been completely redone, and now it sparkles with stainless steel throughout, with new fridges and propane appliances.

The Menu

Ambient appeal the Kash Landing Café now has in abundance, but without a good menu it's all meaningless. The Catenazzi's are smart enough not to alienate their regular clientele who still want that home cooking, so fear not, there's still plenty of the specials that you're used to. As well as the old standbys however, there have been new items added to the menu.

"People want more healthy foods nowadays," states Guido. "So we've incorporated more fresh produce. We'll introduce a few new dishes and see how people react. We recently had family over and we tested some new dishes on them."

Appetizers

The Kash Landing Café will now be serving appetizers such as: mini-burgers with goat cheese and a roasted red pepper sauce; fried sweet potatoes, with a mayonnaise/ red pepper garlic sauce; fresh and creamy humus served with pita triangles; and gazpachio, a pureed, tomato-based cold vegetable soup.

Main Courses

"We still have to have the basics," said Linda Catenazzi. "Some people love their deep fried food, and we'll have things like fish and chips, shrimp and chips, chicken fingers, as well as burgers."

New dishes on the menu include: a souvlaki dinner served with Greek salad and Guido's special dressing; wiener schnitzel, the traditional roasts; as well as chicken with a Tuscany sauce; and grilled salmon.

"We like to be flexible," said Guido. "We'll go to town every day and be creative in using as much fresh and local produce as possible."

Desserts

Over the past couple of years in addition to their excellent savory dishes,



The View Down The Lake

the Café has developed a reputation for desserts to die for.

"My Mom gave us a fabulous recipe for pumpkin crumble," states Linda, and people come from all over just for that dessert. In addition they make their own home-made fruit pies, and serve New York cheese cake with home-made fruit toppings. The bread pudding with vanilla sauce is also a favourite, and then there's always the ice cream. Coffee is provided via Doug West's excellent Reunion Island roast.

"Our philosophy has been to keep our place simple and give people the food that they want at reasonable prices. Our place has become somewhat of a social centre, and we'd like to keep it that way."

A dinner for two which includes a main course with coffee and dessert will set you back a very reasonable \$35-\$40. The Kash Landing Café does not have a

licence.

"In Europe, the café designation means no alcohol, which enables owners to keep prices down," Guido informs.

Café Now Open

Local Trent University student Nicole Rallis is the server for the café. "Nicole's been a great help in getting us set-up for this season," Linda said. "She worked out so well last year, and I know she's looking forward to the summer."

The newly renovated Kash Landing Café is now officially open. The season will include all the warmer months, and the Café will remain open until October.

The Café itself is accessible, but the washroom is not yet ready for wheel-chairs. Hours are Tuesday through Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to the last serving at 7:30 p.m. The café is closed on Mondays.

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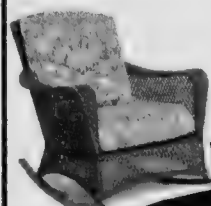
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This is a chance to mix it up with some of the hippest musicians and industry folks in Canada, and also help the local economy. The winning combination of established and upcoming talent in the upcoming RiverFest 2008 music line-up is guaranteed to draw the fans, so it's time for Highlanders to get on board to help promote the jive of listening live.

Mark Christiano, the brain behind the live local concert series at The Hair Lounge, and founding member of the RiverFest team is promising the annual event will always be supportive of local talent, and not just musicians.

"We're really open to all art forms. There's still room for artisans booths at the festival. The booths are affordable, and this is a great space to bring all forms of area artists together. That way, we can celebrate all the arts in the County and the surrounding area," Christiano said.

Christiano is known locally for bringing Canadian music talent to the Highlands through his intimate concert series at the Hair Lounge for the last seven years. Christiano, who besides being a master hairstylist, is a successful musician in his own right, and will soon be releasing a new CD. He has three other top music industry professionals on the RiverFest team - Director of Metal Works Institute of Sound and Music Production, Producer and Musician Craig Titus, one of Canada's top Audio Engineers, with many top albums to his credit, and musician Alf Annibalini and General Manager of Canadian Music Week (Canada's largest music festival) Verle Mobbs.

RiverFest is being presented through Christiano's own record label 'The Company' in association with Gullfest - Whitewater Ontario's 28th annual Kayaking Festival on June 27, 28 and 29.

Christiano said that partnership actually started with an event several years ago, when he was approached by Gary George from the Minden Wild Water Preserve to "add a little music" to the annual White water festival.

The entire event will be held at the 100-acre Minden Wild Water Preserve out on Horseshoe Lake Rd. which Christiano describes the as "the best-kept secret in the County".

"People don't realize they can camp there anytime, and we want to help raise awareness of this amazing place," Christiano said.

The kayaking festival, combined with what Christiano describes as an acoustic showcase featuring a completely Canadian line-up of performers, is shaping up to be a must-attend for locals and visitors alike.

"The line-up just freaks me out. Many people don't know how much amazing talent here is in Canada."

Featured RiverFest 2008 performers include: Don Ross, Rick Fines,

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Lots of room for local talent to play on Open Stage

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Genevieve Rainey, Mary Simon, Matt Barbeau, Pat Robitaille, Marshall Dane, Ian Tamblyn, Barry Canning, Dala and Brooke Miller.

In fact, Christiano said there were so many musicians that wanted to play the show, local talent can perform on the Open Stage.

"There wasn't even room for me in the line-up, so I'm going to play the open stage too," Christiano said.

He stresses the entire event is an opportunity to not only listen, but be listened to.

"There's going to be a lot of industry people there," Christiano stressed, "and this may be the opportunity for local talent to showcase their work through the Open Stage."

The Open Stage element in RiverFest will offer just that, performance time to original artists. Performers must sign up for a performance time at the RiverFest Information Booth located by the entrance to the main stage area on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each artist will be allowed to perform two songs (maximum 10 minutes) and the Open Stage scheduled times are Friday, June 27 from 8 – 11 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 12 – 2 p.m.

Christiano is also excited about the involvement of MetalWorks. He said MetalWorks is now considered 'the place' to record for up and coming and established talent. Metalworks is bringing its recording technology to RiverFest, to not only record the entire concert for a CD, but to offer up downloadable onsite listeners' favourite songs or sets to environmentally friendly USB keys.

Besides the Open Stage, there will be other interactive elements to the weekend including an opportunity to sit in on a songwriters' workshop with Ian Tamblyn, a guitar workshop with Rick Fines, kayaking lessons through Whitewater Ontario, or visit the Muskoka Brewery sponsored beer garden, artisan booths or a range of concessions. The concessions presented by Whitewater Ontario so far include: Madawaska Kanu Center, Rapid Magazine, Esquif Canoes, Seals / Aquabound Paddling Gear, Boatwerks Kayak and Surf Shops, Echo Paddles, Level Six Paddling Clothing, Kokatat Paddling Clothing.

For more information on how to get involved as a RiverFest sponsor, volunteer, artisan or marketplace participant please call 705-457-7587 or email info@theriverfest.ca. To purchase RiverFest tickets online, check out the festival's website at www.theriverfest.ca. Tickets are also available at Boatwerks

(Minden or Haliburton), Algonquin Outfitters (Huntsville or Dwight) or Christiano's Hair Lounge in Carnarvon.

Look for a feature on Gullfest - Whitewater Ontario's 28th annual Kayaking Festival in the next *Highlands Communicator*.



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Haliburton Home & Cottage Show This Weekend

Wayne Hussey, organizer of the 30th Annual Haliburton Home & Cottage Show promises there will be "something for everyone" at this year's show.

For the first time in the show's history, Hussey has a waiting list of names of exhibitors.



"This is the biggest show we've ever had," Hussey said, attributing the numbers to the expense of the big shows in larger centres for vendors, and the limited time those shows offer for networking and visitor discussions.

"This show is much more laid back, so it offers the opportunity to spend time for the vendors to spend time with visitors," Hussey said.

This year's show will feature more than 120 exhibitors and opens Friday, May 30 at 4 p.m., continuing right through the weekend. Hussey has been running the show for 14 years now. He said it all began back in 1978 and was initially organized by the Kinsmen Club. When the curling club took the show over in 1989, Dorothy Clements took over the reins and was show manager until 1992, before passing the reins to Harry Rodley for the next two years. Hussey took over the show management in 1995, and "I've done it ever year since."

Hussey was born and raised in Haliburton, but moved away when he was 16, and spent 31 years working for General Motors in Oshawa, before his retirement in 1992.

Hussey said the group is very lucky to have the space the curling club, the arena and the ball diamond parking lot. He pointed out that while there are many longterm vendors in the show, there are always new exhibitors to keep it interesting.

This year, the outdoor exhibitors have blossomed from 14 to 24 outdoor vendors and the volunteer organizations are up to 14 from the usual eight participants. The County of Haliburton exhibit will be on the top floor lounge of the Curling Club and the Municipality of Dysart is participating with a recycling information booth where visitors will be able to pick up a blue or green box. Camp Wanakita is offering up a kids' play zone for the weekend, located next to their booth, and the Taste of Haliburton area will feature locally grown food products, including honey and jams.

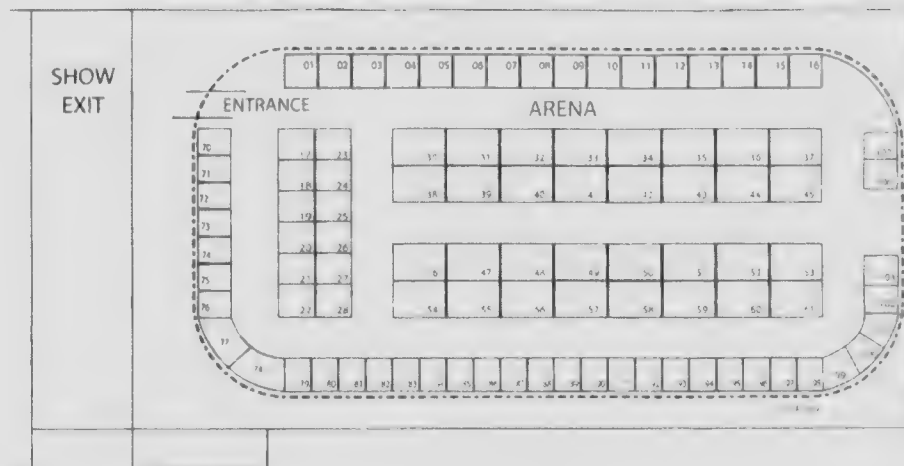
As far as Hussey is concerned, the current price of gas alone should make stopping by this show a good option.

"Why travel somewhere and pay for gas when you have 130 different stores sitting right there in one place," Hussey said.

The cost for one adult entry to the show is \$3, but newspaper clip-out coupons will bring that cost down to 2 for \$5. Show times are Friday, May 30 from 4 - 9 p.m., Saturday, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, June 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Wayne Hussey at 705-457-2892.

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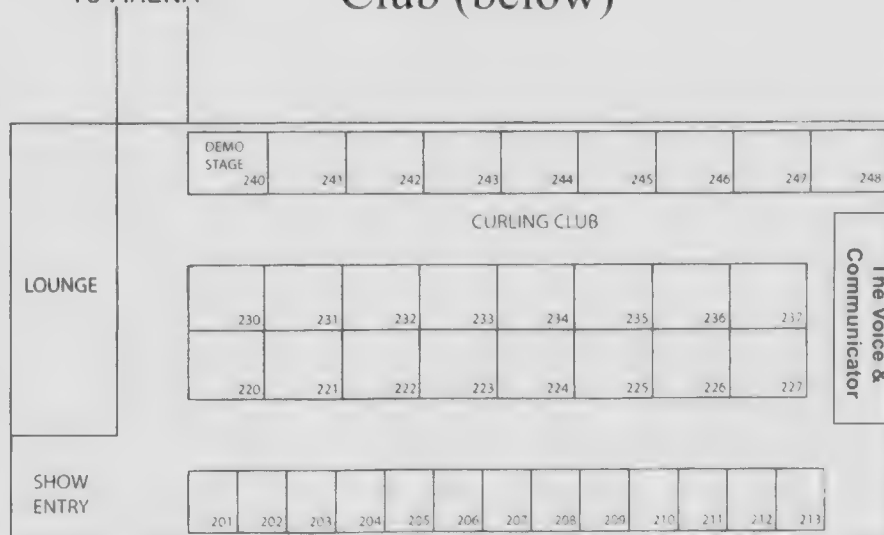
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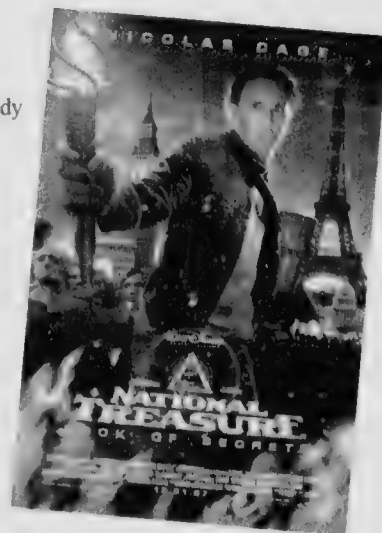
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I have discovered a new love affair with intellectually stimulating movies. Don't get me wrong; everybody loves a mindless comedy or a corny romance story. But lately I have found myself geared towards movies that are making me think, making me connect the dots, inspiring me to work out the clues. I've been re-watching the classic film-puzzles, like the DaVinci Code, and so it was only fate that brought *National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets* into the video store during my newfound genre phase. A successful sequel to the original *National Treasure*, the second treasure hunt follows Ben Gates in an epic quest to clear the smear on his great grandfather's name in history. When a missing page from the diary of John Wilkes Booth surfaces that names Gates' ancestor as one of the co-conspirators in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, Ben jumps on the clues to clear his heroes name. Following unique twists and cleverly-placed clues (such as the location of the President's 'secret book' and some interesting facts of some of the world's greatest landmarks) *National Treasure 2* is fast paced and adorable, matching brain wracking puzzles with Disney's unmistakable adult wit to create yet another charming and irresistible film.

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By Laura Salverda

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They were high school sweethearts in Fenelon Falls, but work took them to Oshawa, and they spent most of their married life there, but returned to the Highlands frequently to vacation and now to retire.

Frank is still counting the days since his retirement party from the General Motors plant – last Tuesday it was exactly 20, and congratulation cards still sat on a corner of the table in the kitchen.

Wright began her now extensive costume collection unintentionally. It all started while she worked as a Food Service Supervisor

in Oshawa-based high schools for 18 years - Wright used to dress up for any and all occasions at the school.

"One of the kids came in one day and said, 'Are we having another identity crisis today Leanna?' That was the best," Wright laughed. "Teenagers don't have a sense of humour – well, with each other they do, but not with adults - so that was just the best. I never forgot that."

When Wright encouraged her co-workers to join her in playing dress-up to help bring in some school spirit and develop a better rapport with the onsite teenagers, she realized that she was the

one with the ideas and the sewing talent.

"It didn't seem fair to expect them to come up with costumes – I was a seamstress – so I started coming up with costumes for them."

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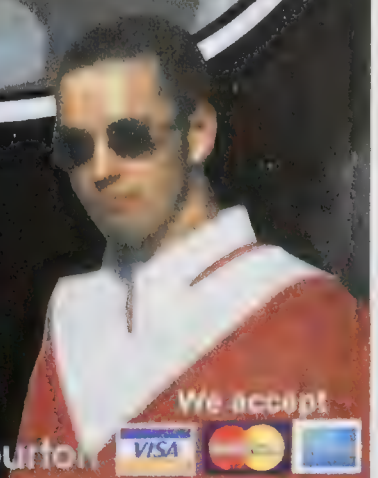
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then their children, and then family and friends. Before she realized it, Wright had accumulated hundreds of costumes.

Wright even managed to get some of the students involved in the dress-up game, and at Christmas, one student would dress up as Santa Claus and deliver small gifts to the special needs students.

"They would be so excited, but no more excited than all the other kids as Santa came ho-hoing through the hallways. It was an opportunity to do something special for those kids, and it made them feel special too."

But even then, Wright said she had no intention of turning her passion for creative dress-up into a business – in fact, she said she was shocked when another co-worker at the school suggested she should rent out the costumes.

"I said to her, 'But what if they didn't come back?' and she said, 'But what if they did, and you actually made some money?'"

It took some time for Wright to get her head around the idea of actually renting them out. Each one has a story or a memory attached, and each one is special – the first one, a yellow fairy costume with a crown created 20 years ago – the fascinating dress and vest created and sewn entirely out of second-hand mens' ties from the Goodwill store in Oshawa – the belly dancer costume

that was rented to an 80-year-old woman – "She looked hot." But which is her favourite?

"I don't have a favourite," Wright said. "I love them all."

Wright walked around the barrels that are over-stuffed with accessories and between the racks of costumes picking through hanger after hanger: the dance and skating outfits; the military uniforms and the costumes – the elephant, the witches, the 50s, 60s, and Roaring 20s, and of course the ever-popular cheerleader costume – it's a favourite with clients.

Wright seems to have every theme imaginable, and Wright has ensured that most of the adult costumes have a pairing, so husbands and wives can show up as a match set – Dorothy and the Tin Man, Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf, and even Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head.

She also stocks something to accommodate every size – from infant right on up to adult XXL, and Wright even has costumes for the family dog. Adult costumes rent for \$20, childrens for \$10.

"I never change my prices," Wright laughs. "But please bring the costume back." Wright adds that the costumes she makes are sized generously – for the climate. "This is Canada. I know you have to put a coat on under the costume."

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Fowler Construction Happy to be in the Highlands

by Tyson Farrell

Although the Fowler Construction Company has been in Haliburton County for a long time, they recently solidified their claim in the area. Last year, Fowler purchased the vast Premium Stone quarry on County Road 1 from Pat Casey.

Fowler Limited was created in 1949 in Bracebridge by Archie Fowler, Glen Coates and Ralph Boothby. The company originally serviced the logging industry, and later began basic road construction, aggregate production, and excavation. In the 1960's, Fowler expanded to include asphalt production. In 1971, Bruce Evans purchased Fowler Construction Company Limited.



For the next three decades, Fowler continued to grow and expand. The company began working on water and sewer systems, golf courses, tennis courts, highway construction, rock excavation, and winter maintenance. Fowler is now one of the largest employers in the Muskoka and Parry Sound area. The head office is located in Bracebridge, and there are area offices in Huntsville and Parry Sound. In addition, Fowler operates aggregate and asphalt outlets in Washago, Gravenhurst, Parry Sound, Bracebridge, and Huntsville.

As most Highlanders know, the County Road 1 quarry is a vast pit about one kilometre south of the Haliburton Fish Hatchery. When Fowler bought the quarry, they also purchased 160 hectares around it, which contains two other aggregate sites. "We realize that Haliburton is a growing market, with increasing demand," said Fowler President Don Peart.

"We've been doing work in the Haliburton area for a long time, but we were trucking material in from Bracebridge sites. That didn't make sense, especially with the rising cost of fuel. It was therefore logical to buy a quarry in Haliburton." After buying the quarry, Fowler's opened up an outlet across from the Haliburton town docks.

Although Fowler's primary motivation for expanding into the Highlands was increased profits, they are determined to become contributing members of the community.

Fowler's Haliburton site is currently managed by Highland native Glen Sharp. "We currently employ about 15 Haliburton citizens as managers, labourers, machine operators, etc.," said Peart. "We expect to employ even more Highlanders in the future. We want to support the local community and economy as best we can. We plan to be an honest, good corporate citizen."

In Muskoka and Parry Sound, Fowler Construction is a strong supporter of local events and service organizations. They support everything from local hospitals, to hockey teams, to winter carnivals. Fowler plans to support similar causes in the Highlands while also respecting the natural environment.

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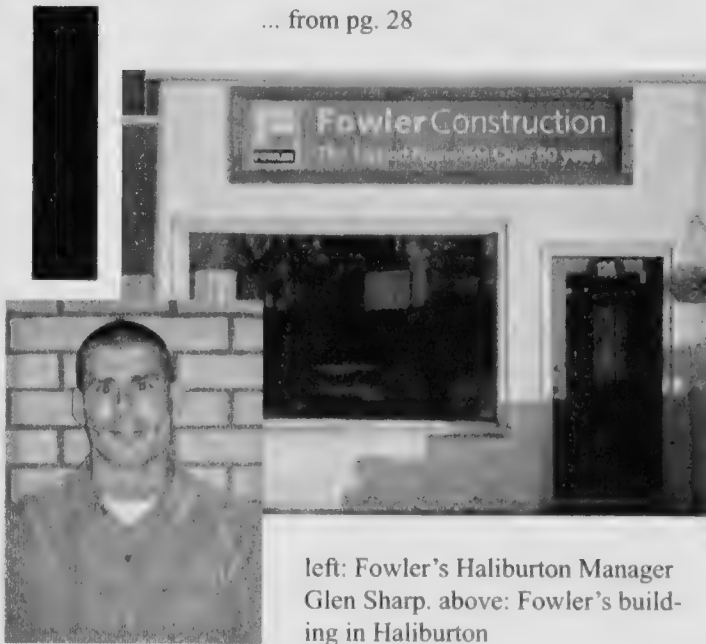
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left: Fowler's Haliburton Manager Glen Sharp. above: Fowler's building in Haliburton

"The Ministry of Natural Resources recently created a new Aggregate Resources Act. It really raised the bar on environmental conservation and accountability. We completely abide by the Act," Peart explained. "We also have strict site plans that we follow. All of our blasting is monitored and we have regular MNR inspections. We also have hydrology reviews, and dust control. The quarry is a pretty clean operation, and it's getting better."

Over the last year, Fowler management has become very impressed with their Haliburton quarry.

"It contains high quality material and aggregates, and we're very pleased with it," Peart said. "We're still doing a lot of work at the site to improve it. We plan to significantly improve signage, fencing, and gates."

Fowler currently has many contracts in the Highlands. They are doing work on numerous county roads and residential sites. This summer, they are doing a lot of infrastructure work throughout the area, using material from their new Haliburton quarry.

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Here's one for our visiting friends from south of the border....

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by the Bashful Comic



Presidential Candidates...

Presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and John McCain were flying to a debate.

Barack looked at Hillary, chuckled and said, "You know I could throw a \$1,000 bill out of the window right now and make somebody very happy."

Hillary shrugged her shoulders and replied, "I could throw ten \$100 bills out of the window and make ten people very happy."

John added, "That being the case, I could throw one hundred \$10 bills out of the window and make a hundred people very happy."

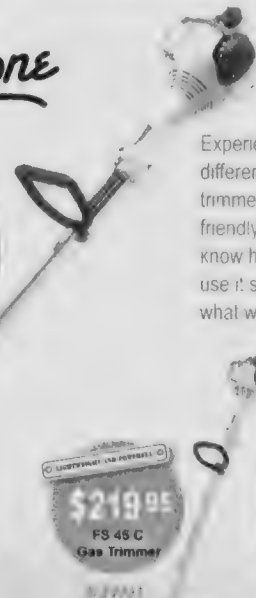
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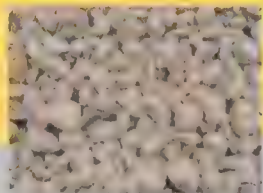
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New Market Promises Food, Demos and Family Fun

The new Highlands East Cultural Association (HECA) wants to put the Highlands East on the destination map, and they're working on that goal with the creation of the new Tory Hill Market.

Using the motto: 'Feed the body, challenge the mind, inspire soul' HECA is hoping to bring new visitors and dollars to what has long been an economically challenged area.

Tracey Lee Green is current president of HECA, and a driving force behind the new Tory Hill Market. She and her husband Daryl Sands are blacksmiths, artists and organic growers in the area.

Green said she has been on the art Studio Tour for years, and has found herself thanking people for "coming out this far.

"But they always say, 'Oh, no problem, it's nice to have a reason to get over here', so what we've realized is, if we offer something special and unique, people might actually come."

When she talked out the idea with a few other area artists, Green found they were of like minds, and the idea for creating a regular, seasonal Market based in Tory Hill, was born.

Green said the new 'Kensington'-inspired marketplace will be held every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from July 6 to August 31 at the main crossroads in Tory Hill.

The Market will feature food, art, song, literature, demonstrations and even education – Green said they've invited the anti-uranium group to attend to discuss the current uranium controversy, and Bullfrog power is on the list, as well as some area sustainable contractors.

"We're trying to involve products and services that are different or unusual, and environmentally friendly," Green said. "We've committed to being paper-free at the market and we're encouraging all of our vendors to be green."

Green, who grows organic vegetables and raises heritage free-range chickens, is also part of a growing group in Haliburton County that is encouraging eating locally – from eating what is in season, to greater recognition of the carbon footprint in food delivery systems.

One of Green's goals is not just to promote their art, but to help teach people who visit how simple it is to create their own food.

"I will be encouraging people to grow food at home, and encouraging them to come to my house to learn

how to do it without pesticides," Green said.

Green said she and her husband will be setting up their "carnival" demonstration wagon onsite with their coal forge so they can demonstrate their artistic blacksmithing, and artist Terry Craig will also be onsite demonstrating his glass blowing techniques. They hope to also incorporate face painting, a petting zoo, storytelling and games at the playground in the parkette for visiting children.

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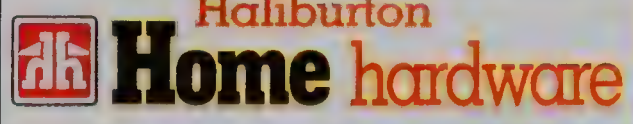
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Mortgage for Self Employed Clients

with Susan Lee

One area that we have seen great improvement over the past few years is mortgage lending for a self employed person. If a self employed person has a creative accountant, the final number on their tax return is often lower than what this person actually made in income. Lenders in the past used the tax return number and added a few expenses back but this did not really benefit the client much in raising their income for qualifying purposes.

Now if a client has a good credit score and been self employed for two or more years, the down payment saved from their own funds such as cash or RRSP (can't be on deposit with the business) I can use their declared income for qualifying purposes. For example if a client's tax return shows \$20,000.00 but their income is really more equivalent to \$35,000.00 I can use the higher number.

Self declared income for a self employed person can be used for refinancing on existing homes as well as for the purchase of a home and a secondary home/vacation property. Secondary/vacation homes have also seen big changes over the past 5 years. Two of the biggest are the changes in down payment amount and water access only cottages have become acceptable. Prior to approximately 2003 a person would need to have at least 25% of the purchase priced saved, sometimes more. Now for many second homes/cottages if the property qualifies, a person can purchase for as little as 0% down payment. If a cottage property does not qualify for 0% dp it can still be purchased with a 10% dp, still a lot less than the 25% of a few years ago.

Even rental properties of 1-4 units (one of the units does not have to be owner occupied) can be financed with as little as 0% dp and rental income can be used up to 80% for debt servicing. This is a recent change from January of this year.

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My next article will be about new changes to Locked in RRSP/RIE.

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In Carmel, New York, it's against the law for a man to go out wearing a jacket that doesn't match his pants.

It's against the law in New York city to open an umbrella in front of a horse!

In Berea, Ohio, dogs and cats out after dark were once required to wear tail-lights!

An ordinance passed in 1875 in the District of Columbia declared that owning an ailanthus, or "tree of heaven" was against the law!

Visit Tory Hill this Summer to Feast your Senses ... from pg. 31

Green said the response from the community has been terrific. "Everybody's thrilled to death," Green said. "There's a lot of excitement about the Market, and people are saying they can't wait to shop here." Green is partnering with Jennifer Wanless-Craig, Darlene Buckingham and Patricia Currie in the Tory Hill Market enterprise. So far, Green said, the group has 14 committed vendors, including artists, food vendors and buskers - and will welcome many more - they have room for 40. According to their mission statement, the group's mantra is that vendors must have 'made it, baked it, grown it, or created it' to be eligible for entry to the Market.

Green said another goal is to, of course, to help boost the local economy in Highlands East.

"We have the Studio Tour which is wonderful, but that's one weekend a year, and we want to bring visitors to this area on a more regular basis."

The group also has big ideas for coming seasons - through to 2010 - including the introduction of The Highlands Plein-Air Festival, The Great Canadian Cottage Country Cook-Off, The Highlands East Summer Countdown, and a concert series to be performed at the Lloyd Watson Centre, with plans to build an outdoor stage in the works.

While visitors to the Tory Hills Market will need to bring cash this summer, Green said they are working on positioning an ATM machine in the village. For more information or to enquire about becoming a vendor at the new Tory Hill Market, contact Tracey Green at 705-448-9785.

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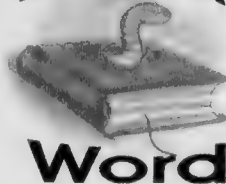
There are various rights you may acquire when you make a purchase of land in a rural area like Haliburton. You may purchase the surface rights to land, such as the gravel or sand that you want because the land is really purchased to develop a gravel pit or the timber rights to a tract of Crown land for the purpose of logging. You may also purchase the sub-surface rights, such as mineral rights for the purpose of mining.

There has been a lot of talk about uranium mining in the County of Haliburton. Mining in Ontario is governed by the *Mining Act*. The legislation states that "the purpose of this Act is to encourage prospecting, staking and exploration for the development of mineral resources and to minimize the impact of these activities on public health and safety and the environment through rehabilitation of mining lands in Ontario." The definition of "mine" in the Act is quite lengthy and includes any excavation of the ground for the purpose of winning any mineral. The term "winning" is a technical term which simply means retrieving a mineral from a mine. "Minerals" in the Act is a broad term which includes all metallic minerals, such as gold and silver, and all non-metallic minerals, such as natural gas and petroleum. "Minerals" also includes quarry and pit material but does not include sand and gravel, which is a bit confusing. An issue may occur, as it did in one case in the 1960 *Mining Act*, in interpreting these definitions. A company purchased a gravel pit and in the course of searching the title to the land at the registry office discovered that the mining rights to the land had been forfeited to the Crown because of unpaid taxes. The issue addressed by the court was whether the gravel pit had also been forfeited to the Crown.

Gravel pits are governed by different legislation, the *Aggregate Resources Act*. The purpose of this Act is similar to the *Mining Act* and includes the requirement "to minimize adverse impact on the environment in respect of aggregate operations."

In the next column, I will be talking about the types of lawsuits in the court system.

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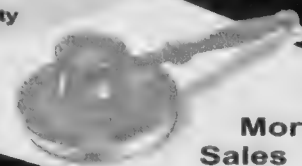
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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Life with Louis Unbearable

It was a strange marriage, even by backwoods Cajun standards.

Louis Paul Lemoine stood tall and erect.

He was well scrubbed for the occasion. You see, it was Louis's wedding day and, while that might not be strange in itself, it was a day he never thought he would experience.

Louis Lemoine could neither hear nor speak.

As if to compensate for these obvious deficiencies, Louis was a crack shot, a first-rate hunter and a hard worker.

He eked out a dubious living in the logging industry.

Addie Mae Lavespere was only 15 when she stood before the preacher man, her 23-year-old Louis at her side.

We will never know what thoughts passed through Addie Mae's mind that day in the small town of Natchitoches, Louisiana, when she wed Louis.

To an outsider, her choice of a husband might be strange, but to the swamp folk attending the wedding, her choice was simple enough.

Addie Mae was attempting to escape her own home and the dawn-to-dusk, back-breaking labour of looking after her many brothers and sisters.

Addie Mae and Louis moved from Natchitoches to the Clouterville area. Louis logged in silence, day in and day out. His only relaxation was his dog and rifle. Often he would disappear for a few days of solitude, which the deep woods afforded. As the years sped by, Addie Mae had seven children.

The wheel had returned to its starting point. One day, Addie Mae realized she had traded the drudgery of her parents' home for the drudgery of her own. She and Louis had no friends and no diversions, if you discount work and sex.

Addie Mae realized other women were leading a far better life than she.

They went to parties, had friends into their homes and, above all, had someone to speak to during the long lonesome evenings.

Louis' silence became a stifling, hated thing in Addie Mae's mind.

She had to escape.

Running away was not in Addie Mae's nature. She loved her children and took pride in her modest home.

Addie Mae sat Louis down and explained to him she wanted a divorce. Louis was stunned.

Stoically, he took his rifle down off its rack and went into the woods with his dog.

Twenty-eight-year-old Addie Mae wasn't fooling. She went into town, contacted a lawyer and instituted divorce proceedings.

In 1955, the divorce became final and Addie Mae was free. But was she? She still had her seven children.

It wasn't long before she realized her brood needed a father. The turmoil that had driven her to divorce now returned.

She felt cast adrift. Everyone had a husband except her. Life was different without a husband, even a man who couldn't hear or speak.

Addie Mae returned to Louis, who was ecstatic. He would make things better than they had been before.

The family moved to the Belledeau area, where Louis could supplement his logging income by hiring himself out picking cotton.

He tried hard, but it didn't work. Soon Addie Mae found herself in the same old rut. She worked all day. At night, she had no one to talk to.

Then there were Louis's moody excursions into the woods. Sex alone wasn't enough to hold them together.

Addie Mae was divorced, but she wasn't divorced. She was married, but she wasn't married. She came to the conclusion she would never be free as long as Louis lived.

She was now 35 years old and had been legally married for 13 years and divorced for seven.

She had seen several of her children grow to be young adults.

Everything had changed and yet nothing had changed. There was still Louis. The idea of his death became an obsession.

In April 1962, Louis disappeared. When neighbours inquired about him, Addie Mae would shrug and tell them he had probably gone off on one of his hunting trips.

Louis had been taught to tell his brothers his precise destination when he went off on one of his hunting excursions.

In this way, should he meet with any mishap, his family would know where to find him.

Now, one of Louis' brothers simply didn't believe he had gone off on a hunting trip without telling him first.

It was this brother who went to the local sheriff and officially reported our Louis missing.

The sheriff made inquiries. He learned Louis had left his home at 7 o'clock on the morning of April 23 to walk to his employment with a logging contractor some miles away in Hessmer. The contractor was questioned.

He told the sheriff Louis had not shown up for work, which was out of character.

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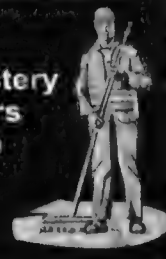
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He had never missed a day's work before. Whenever he went on his periodic hunting trips, he always made sure it was between logging jobs.

During May and June, nothing new turned up concerning the missing man.

On July 4, Addie Mae travelled the few miles to Marksville to let the sheriff know she had heard from Louis. She turned a soiled letter over to him.

It was dated May 26 and had been sent to one of her sons from an aunt who lived in Baton Rouge.

The letter was a chatty note, which concluded with the informative paragraph, "Your daddy was down here a few days ago and he said to send you and the other children his love when I wrote. I suppose he'll be returning to you and your mother soon now."

The sheriff had Addie Mae write out a simple note giving him permission to show the letter to whomever he pleased.

The wily sheriff smelled a rat. He wanted a sample of Addie Mae's handwriting. It appeared to him the writing on the envelope and the writing on the letter had been made by different people. The letter from Baton Rouge had been written by Addie Mae.

The sheriff took the letter to the attorney general, who agreed you didn't have to be an expert to see Addie Mae had written the letter to her son.

Accompanied by the attorney general, the sheriff drove out to Addie Mae's house. He noticed her washing machine was on the front porch, rather than in the wash shed where it was usually kept.

As if anticipating the question, Addie Mae explained that it was so hot she had moved it onto the porch.

The two stern-faced men produced the incriminating letter and informed Addie Mae that they would be contacting the writer in Baton Rouge. Addie Mae turned white, but otherwise didn't lose her composure.

She told the men, "That won't be necessary, I think you already know what you'll be told. The letter my son received said nothing about Louis being in Baton Rouge. That letter I showed the sheriff was written by me. I wanted you all to think my husband is still alive."

Then Addie Mae pointed to the wash shed and quietly continued, "you'll find Louis in there, beneath the wash house. I put him in his grave the day after Easter, after I shot him."

Addie Mae was taken to Marksville, where she was charged with the murder of her husband.

The sheriff, together with workmen, returned to the Lemoine home, where they uncovered Louis two feet down under the wash shed. The body had been wrapped in several sheets and blankets. There was a gaping hole under Louis' left ear.

In her jail cell, Addie Mae wrote out a detailed confession.

She described her every move on the day she took Louis' life.

"I walked to the bed where Louis was, put the barrel of the gun about six inches from his head and pulled the trigger. I then put a blanket around the gun, ran out of the house and stopped by a bush. I intended to shoot myself, but lost my nerve."

Addie Mae went on to describe how she prepared the body, moved it to the

wash shed and buried it.

"I took my shovel and dug a shallow grave, rolled Louis into it and covered it up. I then put the boards back in place."

Tested at East Louisiana State Hospital, Addie Mae was found to be sane.

On Oct. 15, 1962, she stood trial in Marksville for her husband's murder.

At the last minute her counsel entered a fresh plea of guilty as charged without capital punishment.

The court accepted the new plea and in so doing no doubt spared Addie Mae's life.

She was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Louisiana State Penitentiary for Women.

Addie Mae Lemoine was paroled on Dec. 1, 1970. Prison authorities tell me that she has since led an exemplary life and was released from parole on Nov. 26, 1986.

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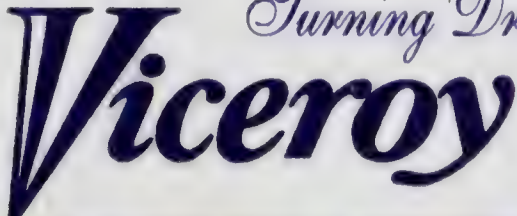


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For many years, Anderson worked in banking and accounting before she decided to change her career. She enrolled in Fleming



College in Peterborough and became a registered massage therapist. Upon graduating, she worked at the Eganridge Spa in Fenelon Falls, and the spa at the King Edward Hotel in Toronto. She even worked at the Angle's Spa at the Pinestone for a few weeks before it closed down.

Although she had a great deal of experience, she had never operated her own spa. Judith did not let this stop her, and she eagerly embraced the challenge. She hired contractors to renovate the location, and the drastically altered the appearance of the spa. They smashed through a brick wall to put in a new door, removed most of the old furniture, and

lightened the atmosphere.

"We renovated for about two months. Churko Electric and Leo

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Henry did some work for us, and we bought most of our pine furniture from Northern Expression in town," Anderson explains. "The spa is now a lot lighter, and more inviting than it used to be. Its also far better ventilated."

Judith has a staff of three RMTs and three estheticians. One of the most notable RMTs on staff is Ted Dreibelbis. Years ago, when Dreibelbis decided to become a massage therapist, he travelled to Thailand. He went to the remote Chiang Mai district to learn from the massage masters.

"The first thing I wanted to do was to learn why massage therapy actually works. Thailand was the best place for me to do that," he said. Dreibelbis spent several months in Thailand, during which time he underwent more than 600 hours of training. He soon became a fully certified practitioner of traditional Thai massage. Upon returning from Thailand, Dreibelbis decided to pursue a formal education in massage therapy. He studied at Fleming College, where he befriended Judith. Recognizing Dreibelbis's skill as an RMT, Judith made sure that he was part of the Pinestone Spa team. Although Dreibelbis currently lives in Peterborough, he will soon be making the move to Haliburton.

Since their opening earlier this year, things have gone very well for the Pinestone Spa. February was a great month for them, and they got a lot of work done in March and April. A large percentage of their customers are guests staying at the resort, but they are quickly building up a local clientele.

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"There's a lot of change and renovations happening here at the Pinestone," she said. "There's a brand new salt water pool being put in. When customers come to the spa, they get full access to the pool facilities, and the whirlpool." The Spa offers therapeutic massages, body polishes, stone scrubs, eye treatments, facials, manicures, and much, much more.

With all of the amenities that the spa has to offer, they will no doubt be busy this summer. To learn more, contact the Pinestone Spa at 705-457-1800, or check out the website at www.pinestonespa.com.

Walk for Heart- Yours and Mine Pledge Sheets Available In June

The Heart and Stroke Chapter of Haliburton County would like to inform all interested walkers that there will be "Walk for Heart- Yours and Mine" on Sunday, October 5th from 2 to 4 p.m. Registration will be in the Great Hall at Sir Sanford Fleming Campus in the village. A leisurely walk will be guided around the Sculpture trail by Wendy Bateman. A walk around the Head Lake circle will be led by Judy Neimann. Further information and pledge sheets will be available in June. See our information booth at the Haliburton Home show.

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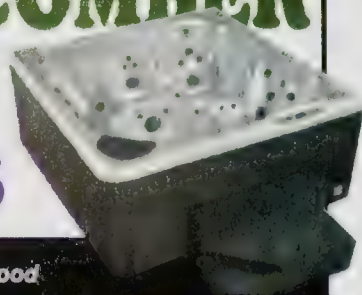
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Haliburton Highlands' Transfer Service Still in Operation

By Terrance Gavan

It was Mark Twain who once said: "The report of my death was an exaggeration." He was commenting, of course, on his obituary that was printed erroneously in a prominent newspaper.

And of course, newspapers and writers, in spite of our best efforts to get it right, do get it wrong from time to time, and sometimes the mistakes are sins of omission. The best we can do, is attempt to rectify the error when it's brought to our attention.

A recent article about a new medical transfer service (Entitled *Non-Urgent Transfer Service Opening May 1*, and printed in the May 1st issue of *The Communicator*) implied that the new Remote Transfer Service was the *only* local company filling the niche of non-urgent patient transfer in Haliburton County.

Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the Haliburton Highlands' Transfer Service (HHTS), which was born in the fall of 2005, is still operating and still has a large and dedicated group of clients who swear by the level and standard of care afforded by HHTS.

Owner Susan Rodley popped into the office last week to assure us that Haliburton Highlands' Transfer Service is still very much alive and still transporting patients from care homes and residences to medical appointments and procedures in and around Haliburton County.

Rodley said that the *Communicator* story caused some concern among her clientele.

"I just wanted to assure everybody that we are still in operation and we're still transporting patients," says Susan, a Registered Practical Nurse who, before starting the transfer service, worked at the Haliburton Hospital, often in the Emergency Department.

As reported in a November 2005 issue of *The Communicator*, written by Voice Editor, Stephen Patrick: "Susan's HHTS will take patients from their homes to hospital appointments as far away as Peterborough, Lindsay, Orillia, Bancroft, Bracebridge and Huntsville. The service is also available to all Health Care facilities, Long Term Care facilities and Retirement Homes. Susan also points out that War Veterans, those who have extended Health Insurance, and those who are on Ontario's Disabled Support Program may be eligible for financial assistance with transportation costs to any Registered Health Care facility." Rodley explains that patients who are registered with the VON, the MS society, and many other organizations also receive significant transportation subsidies.

The Remote Transfer Service (RTS), which began operations in May, is co-owned by Terri-Lynn Fahey and her husband Rob Ritchie. Fahey is a former employee of Haliburton Highlands' Transfer Service. The two businesses perform similar duties, but differ in choice of transport vehicles.

The RTS utilizes a full sized ambulance, while the HHTS relies on a medical conversion van that is both stretcher and wheelchair capable. Rodley allows that back in the summer of 2005 she did a

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HHTS Still Providing Invaluable Patient Transfer Service

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lot of research before finally settling on the van option. She says that she utilized a blueprint from a similar type of service run by a Windsor area transportation company. She opted for the van conversion, because, unlike the ambulance option, the van does offer easy wheelchair access in addition to full stretcher capabilities.

She says that she looked very closely at both options, but found the large ambulance option would pose problems for wheelchair patients. The van is also less expensive to operate. "I wanted an option that would allow me to provide reasonable transportation costs," says Rodley.

Susan allows that HHTS provides a comfortable six-passenger vehicle equipped with two wheelchair positions and a rear entry wheelchair ramp. She offers door-to-door personal service, is cell-phone equipped, and family members are welcome at no extra charge. She says that in three years she has developed a great rapport with many of her repeat clients and that her service strives to go the extra mile when offering patient care.

"We have a special relationship with a lot of our clients and that's the main reason I wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that we're still in business," says Rodley.

"I've always been a supporter of the rights of the disabled," said Susan, in the 2005 Communicator article. "I hope my service makes it easier for clients of all kinds to access the services they need."

Susan's Haliburton Highlands Transfer Services is available Monday to Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information on prices, services, or destinations you may reach Susan and the HHTS at 705-754-3530. ■

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The Spirit Bear

from Sandra McLachlan

A couple of years ago at a small get together after my father-in-law's funeral, a friend gave this photo to me. Making the point, dad is in good company now; he is with the spirits. After his own father died two years earlier, he got out a box of old family photos.

He remembers as a child this picture being the one that never turned out. However, as he now looked closer at the photo, he saw something no one had seen before. Maybe this picture wasn't the picture that never turned out, but the one that turned out better than anyone thought possible. The photo was taken back in the 1950s.

The man in the centre had been institutionalized here in Ontario. On this afternoon, his sisters came to visit and took him for a walk on the hospital grounds. The man had been admitted to the hospital as being delusional; he saw things: spirits, Vikings, Indians, animals. Apparently, he died there, everyone thinking him crazy.

Have a good look to the left of the woman on the left. Was this man really delusional?



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The unemployed man, identified as 36-year-old Michael Geoffrey Linn, confessed that day to robbing the bank of around NZ\$2,000 (US\$1,533.45).

According to police prosecutor Sergeant Tom Scoullar, Linn had pressed the buzzer to gain entry to the bank and pulled a green hand-knitted balaclava over his face.

After a staff member had filled a bag with what money she had, Linn had apologized, saying, "I'm sorry miss, I didn't mean to frighten you but I'm very, very desperate." Linn drove to the lakefront, took off his clothes and set them on fire using gasoline and paper from his car, Scoullar said.

Members of the public noticed the fire and called the fire department. Nearby construction workers were the first to arrive on scene and, using shovels, saved the clothing and papers, some of which had Linn's name and address on them.

When he was taken to the Queenstown police station, he said that he had given the money to an associate.

Police noticed some rustling sounds coming from Linn's anal area and on closer inspection a roll of cash was found protruding from Linn's buttole, the full amount of cash taken in the robbery.

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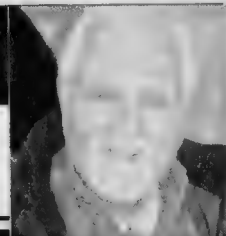
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Haliburton's Latest Hockey Experience

By Tyson Farrell

It's hard to imagine Haliburton County without hockey. Most Highland boys grow up playing hockey on frozen ponds and in local arenas, while many fathers spend their Saturday nights watching the CBC's Hockey Night in Canada. The Minden Monarchs and the Haliburton Huskies had a loyal fan base for decades, and the Highland Storm has more fans than ever. Many consider hockey to be a winter sport, but in the Highlands, hockey thrives all year round. Several local hockey camps ensure that kids get their hockey fix even on the hottest summer days. The newest of these camps is the All Canadian Hockey School (ACHS), which operates out of the Haliburton arena.

The ACHS was founded by Haliburton cottager Peter Thyrring, who owns property on the Odessa Trail. Peter began his hockey career over 25 years ago, when he started coaching in the Duffield House League.

"I've coached everything from novice to bantam, house league to AAA," Thyrring speaks. "I've won a few city championships, and even the York Regional AAA."

As a coach, Thyrring observed the manner in which children learned, and he recognized a problem.

"I was coaching really intelligent kids, but some of them were doing poorly in school. People always said if you were a sports kid, you'd have trouble with

academics. I didn't believe this was true, because sports and academics both require great dedication. I knew there had to be a way for children to balance sports and academics."

In order to create an atmosphere in which sports oriented children could academically thrive, Thyrring created the All Canadian Hockey College School

in Maple, Ontario. The School is an independent Catholic sports school for boys from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

"It is a sports school, but the students receive a full academic education," Thyrring says. "If students try hard and do well in academics, we give them more sports. They want to play sports, so they make sure to do well in their other subjects."

As Thyrring was teaching at his school in Maple, he spent his summers instructing at the Haliburton Hockey Haven.

"The original Hockey Haven in Donald was amazing, with a great tradition. There were NHL players floating through each week teaching the kids. The camp was there for so long that kids used to arrive on the train when it still ran. I was one of the longest serving staff members there, working for over 10 years. I was there until the place closed."



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When Haliburton Hockey Haven left Donald and moved to Minden, Thyrring realized that there was a void in the Haliburton village region that needed to be filled. He therefore created the Haliburton All Canadian Hockey School summer camp last year. The camp runs for three weeks, and offers a full-day and a half-day program.

"Students in the half-day program spend all of their time on the ice in the Haliburton arena. Students in the full-day program spend a lot of time on the ice, but they're also involved in other activities... tubing, paintballing on Odessa Trail, and swimming in local lakes," Thyrring explains.

"We only take 20 players and two goalies at a time, ages 8 to 13. This allows us to keep a low teacher-to-student ratio, which is really important. Its good quality, solid hockey," Thyrring says. "We also have a lot of great teachers coming through the camp."

Last summer, half of the students at the hockey camp were from the city. This summer, almost 90 percent of the children will be from the Haliburton area.

"The local community has been very supportive, and many parents have been eager to enroll their children," Thyrring says. Although the camp only operates for three weeks of the summer, an increase in enrollment may allow a fourth week to be added next year.

"There are still some vacancies for this summer that we're looking to fill up. So if parents are looking for a good environment to put their kids in during the day this summer, they can come to us," Thyrring says. "It's a really great programme. It's important to the community, because you can't have Haliburton without hockey."

To learn more about the Haliburton ACHS, contact Peter Thyrring at 905-832-8121, or visit achscanada.com.

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The musical line-up includes well-known folk musicians *The Wakami Wailers* with their logging-camp tunes and folk melodies. The Wailers will be performing some acoustic street music on Friday afternoon (June 13), followed by headlining a coffee-house style performance at the Community Centre on Friday night. Opening act John Foreman & Friends will share their Appalachian-Celtic sound. The Ontario Timberfest Championships are the anchor event for the weekend and take place all day Saturday, June 14 in the Minden Fairgrounds. Competitors from across Ontario, Quebec, and the US will participate in a skills competition using chainsaws, axes, and Swedish saws.

Saturday evening there will be the Agricultural Society's annual Beef BBQ at the Community Centre, featuring a Nashville Nights Rock 'n Country Video Dance with DJ Terry Johnson. A limited number of all-access VIP passes will be offered for sale giving the holder admission to the entire weekend's events, including all performances, the beef barbecue, and the Bunkhouse Brunch. For more information on this fabulous weekend event contact Rick Cox at 705-286-1260 ext. 220.

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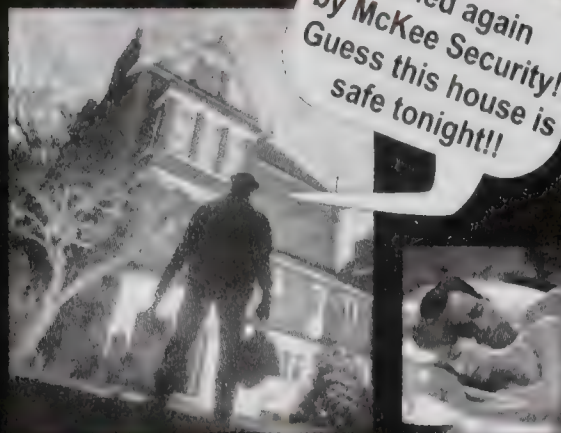
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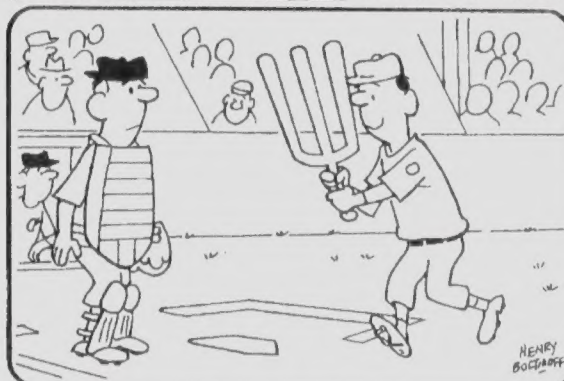


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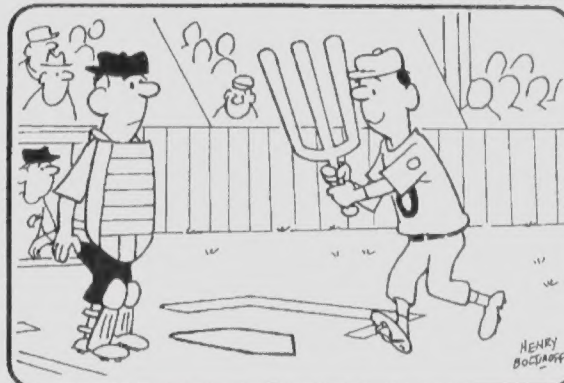
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Batter's shirt has number. 2. Catcher's mitt is missing. 3. Catcher's pants are black. 4. Part of crowd is missing. 5. Fence is different. 6. Home plate is bigger.

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Kawagama Lake Cottagers' Association upcoming events:

All members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, July 5, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Dorset Volunteer Firefighters Annual Pig Roast on Saturday, May 24 (not the long weekend though). Tickets are \$30 per person, and need to be purchased in advance from Donna Keul at 705-766-9253.

Dance after the meal. Get your tickets now, before they are sold out.

Dorset Canada Day Fireworks are on Saturday, June 28 in Trading Bay, starting at dusk. Watch from shore or on the bridge in town. A donation supported event.

Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association upcoming events:

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's First Gala Celebration of Environmental Excellence will be held on May 31, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre

Fireworks will be held on Saturday, June 28
(rain date: Sunday, June 29) after dark (not before 9:45 p.m.)
Swimming Lessons start July 7 and run to August 15

Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association upcoming events:

The MBCLA Property Owners' Association Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 9 (the weekend after the long weekend) at the Stanhope Firefighter's Hall on North Shore Road. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association Inc.

June 21 – Annual General Meeting will be held on June 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at the clubhouse of the Minden White Water Reserve. Councillor Lisa Schell has been invited to attend, and Bonnie Fleischaker will speak to the members concerning the ongoing work of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow. Refreshments will be served.

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The next time you're in Dublin, Ireland (if ever you are there), you might want to stop by the pub known as Charlie P's and check out its unique look. The building where it's located used to be a morgue, and the flooring is made entirely of grave-stones.

It was famed 19th-century French author Victor Hugo who made the following observation: "The first symptom of love in a young man is timidity; in a girl, boldness."

Italian politician Silvio Berlusconi has a well-known hatred of garlic. He so abhors this relative of the onion that, in 2007, he tried to have it banned in Italian restaurants.

For many Americans, mention of the processed meat product Spam brings to mind Spam sandwiches, Spam and eggs and Spam salad. For those for whom these memories are more fond than otherwise, there is a surprising variety of events at which to celebrate this iconic product. Austin, Texas, hosts an annual Spama-rama, which includes the Spam Ball, the Spamalypics, the Spam Jam and, of course, the Spam Cook-Off.

In Hawaii, the canned meat is celebrated at the Waikiki Spam Jam, where a Mr. or Ms. Spam is crowned amid a huge street party. And Austin, Minn., home to the plant that produces Spam, is also home to the First Century Museum, whose exhibit of Spam memorabilia is the most popular attraction.

On at least one early map of the New World you'll see the name "Codfish Country" on the area now known as the United States.

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Kennisis Lk(Paddy's Bay) 175 ft frontage, beautiful sand beach, natural shore line, nature lovers retreat. 3.2 acres, level lot, driveway on property. Very easy to build on this lot saving you lots of \$\$\$\$\$.

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